

## Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals

### How do I get my documents?

When you come to a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals workshop, you **need to bring** documents to prove:

- your identity and age;
- when you came to the U.S.;
- that you have been living here since June 15, 2007;
- that you are currently enrolled in school or graduated from school;
- that you did not have immigration status on June 15, 2012

And you **need to bring**:

- 2 passport photos, which you can get at a nearby drug stores like Walgreens, CVS, and Rite Aid or at a FedEx/Kinko's or post office
- Translations of any foreign language documents with the interpreter's certification
- Copies of your documents

Here are tips to help you get **all** the documents you need **before** coming to a workshop:

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- **Birth certificate** (with English Translation) & copies of your birth certificate
  - Please get your birth certificate translated before you come. For the Chicago area, you can find translators here: <http://www.chicata.org/perl/search.pl>
  - Your consulate can help you get your birth certificate. For the Chicago area, you can look at the list of consulates here:  
<http://www.conciergepreferred.com/chicago-consulates.html>
- **Foreign Passport or Consular Identification Card**
  - Your consulate can help you get your passport or ID card. For the Chicago area, you can look at the list of consulates here:  
<http://www.conciergepreferred.com/chicago-consulates.html>
- **School ID cards with photograph**
  - Your school should be able to issue you an ID card in their main office
- **U.S. Military Card or Draft Records**
  - You can go to <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> to ask for your records
- **School Records/ Proof of Graduation**
  - Your public school system or board of education should be able to get you copies of your school records. For the Chicago area, you can go to [www.cps.edu/studentrecords](http://www.cps.edu/studentrecords) to request copies of your transcripts.

- If you need to get proof of your graduation from a Chicago public school, go to [www.cps.edu/studentrecords](http://www.cps.edu/studentrecords) and request a Verification of High School Graduation
- **Medical Records**
  - You can talk to your doctor's office and they should be able to give you copies of your medical records from their office
  - If you went to multiple doctors, you may have to go to all of them to ask for your records
- **Official Church Records**
  - You can ask your church to give you copies of records that shows your participation in a religious ceremony
- **Bills (for example a power bill)**
  - You should find out what company provides the service (Commonwealth Edison Company provides electricity in Chicago for example) and call them to ask for a copy of your account history
- **Police Arrest Records and Court Records**
  - If you have ever been arrested, you should go to the main office of the county sheriff or city police department that arrested you to ask for an incident report.
  - You should call the non-emergency number for the agency and ask how to request incident reports.
  - Chicago Police Department's contact information can be found here: <http://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/cpd.html>
  - If you have been charged with a crime, you need to submit documents showing how each case turned out To get those, you can go to the courthouse for where you were charged and ask the circuit court clerk to look up any cases by giving your name and date of birth. In Cook County, you would go to the 10th floor of the Daley Center in downtown Chicago.